Snow Removal Requires Your Assistance

With winter here, it is important that we keep our snow removal process moving as smoothly as possible. The Village of Canal Winchester makes every effort to keep our streets clear and passable before, during and after a snow event by utilizing brine solution application, salting and plowing. Our policy is to clear streets curb-to-curb to provide easier access for emergency vehicles, while providing the high-quality snow removal service our residents have come to expect. You can assist by:

- Not placing snow cleared from parking lots and driveways on streets, sidewalks or bike paths
- Piling shoveled snow to the right of driveways (as you face the street)
- Keeping children away from snow plows
- Not building igloos, caves or other structures close to the street
- Keeping parked cars off street
- Cleaning around mailboxes to assure mail delivery
- Clearing public sidewalks as soon as possible (as required of all residents and business owners by village ordinance 905.02 and ORC 723.011)

Although these procedures may be adjusted as needed, below is the village's general policy for snow removal and street salting.

Plowing

Streets within the village will be plowed in the following order: arterial streets (including Columbus, Gender, High and Waterloo), other collector streets and major streets within subdivisions, secondary streets within subdivisions, cul-de-sacs and then alleys. Streets will continue to be plowed until excess snow is removed from parking and driving lanes, freeing storm sewer catch basins so flooding and freezing does not occur. This will also open the area to mailboxes and parking.

Salting

Streets will be salted in the same order as plowing. Re-salting will be done as needed.

Downtown Business District

Removal of plowed snow in the downtown area will only take place when snowfall exceeds eight inches and only after all other removal activities are complete. Removal will only take place during normal working hours.

Every effort is made to keep storm drains clear during plowing. Any storm drain that is closed as well as wheelchair ramps will be cleared following the storm. On the rare occasion that Canal Winchester's snow removal causes damage to a mailbox, the village will contact the resident about repair.

As a reminder, both residents and business owners are required by law to clear the public sidewalks in front of their property. Please make sure to keep cleared snow – either by you or snow removal services you contract with – out of the street, and off the bike path. If you contract with a third party for snow removal, it is your responsibility to make sure the company is aware of our snow removal policy, including not blocking bike paths or pushing snow into village streets.

With your help, snow removal can run smoothly. Should you have any questions about the snow removal process, please call 614-834-5100.